

## BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Public Reprimand	)	
	)	
of the Educators Certificate of	)	<b>ORDER OF PUBLIC REPRIMAND</b>
	)	
Willie R. Jenkins	)	
	)	
Teaching Certificate # 082969	)	

### SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on November 12, 2002. On September 6, 2002, the State Department of Education (Department) sent a notice of hearing to Mr. Jenkins by certified mail, restricted delivery, and return receipt requested. Mr. Jenkins received this notice as evidenced by the signed receipt and initially requested a hearing. Subsequent to this request, Mr. Jenkins proposed to resolve this matter without a hearing by agreeing to the following terms: (1) a public reprimand will be issued by the Board, (2) he agrees that this public reprimand will be reported to all school districts in South Carolina as "unprofessional conduct," and (3) the order will be maintained as a public record in the Office of General Counsel of the Department. After considering the evidence presented by the Department, the State Board voted to issue an Order of Public Reprimand as set forth above.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Jenkins holds a valid South Carolina teaching certificate, and has over thirty- one years of teaching experience. During the 2001-2002 school year he was under contract with the Oconee County School District (District) as a teacher at West Oak High School. Mr. Jenkins was placed on administrative leave with pay on May 8, 2002 following his allegations that he made inappropriate comments of a sexual nature in the presence of

students. He did not return to his position and resigned on May 17, 2002. Mr. Jenkins has agreed to accept this reprimand on the conditions outlined above.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

"The State Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-150 (1990), S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-160 (1990); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58. The Board finds that the preponderance of the evidence supports its conclusion that just cause does not exist to suspend or revoke Mr. Jenkin's teaching certificate; however, cause does exist for a Public Reprimand of Mr. Jenkin's behavior considering the circumstances that led to her resignation. Accordingly, the Board hereby issues this Order of Public Reprimand as set forth above.

South Carolina State Board of Education

/S/ Greg Killian  
Greg Killian  
Chair

Columbia, South Carolina  
November 12, 2002

I, Willie Roscoe Jenkins, SC Teaching Certificate # 082969, do hereby agree to the proposed Order of Public Reprimand, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented as signed to the State Board of Education on Tuesday, November 12, 2002.

22 May '03      /S/ Willie R. Jenkins  
Date                      Signature